

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended for better clarity and conformance to U.S. practice, such as beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', and changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--. Claims 1-8 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over DE 20007134 (Treuhand) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,665,341 (Imamura) and JP

07-235624 (Toyoda). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Treuhand in view of Imamura, Toyoda and U.S. Patent No. 4,727,283 (Kemenade). Further, claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Treuhand in view of Imamura, Toyoda and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0005319 (Ohishi). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 are patentable over Treuhand, Imamura, Toyoda, Kemenade and Ohishi for at least the following reasons.

Treuhand is directed to a lamp system that includes a fluorescent lamp and LEDs. The Treuhand lamp system is described in the present application on page 1, lines 19-23, where the Treuhand is white and the LEDs are colored LEDs. Thus, Treuhand does not teach or suggest the particular lamp and LED types recited in independent claims 1 and 8, namely, a gas-discharge lamp with a color point in the green-blue and an LED with a color point in the yellow-red. Imamura and Toyoda are cited in an attempt to remedy the deficiencies in Treuhand.

Imamura is directed to a colored fluorescent lamp assembly that includes three different colored fluorescent lamps, namely, red, green and blue.

Toyoda is directed to a particular package that includes red, green and blue LEDs. The Toyoda LED package is suitable for mass production by alleviating the need for accurate hermetic seals.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Treuhand, Imamura and Toyoda, at best, teaches a lamp system with three fluorescent lamps, namely, red, green and blue, and three LEDs, namely, red, green and blue.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 8-9, amongst other patentable elements, requires (illustrative emphasis provided):

a gas-discharge lamp with a color point in the
green-blue,

an LED with a color point in the yellow-red.

It is respectfully submitted a gas-discharge lamp with a color point in the green-blue, and an LED with a color point in the yellow-red are nowhere taught or suggested in Treuhand, Imamura, Toyoda, and combinations thereof. A red, green, or red fluorescent lamp or LED does not teach or suggest a green-blue gas-discharge lamp and yellow-red LED. Kemenade and Ohishi are cited to

allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Treuhand, Imamura and Toyoda.

Having a green-blue gas-discharge lamp and yellow-red LED provide substantial benefits, such as increasing lumen output and efficiency. Surely, if using a combination of the particular colored lamp and LED was obvious, then such lamps would have been available and taught by the prior art, particularly in view of the increasing need and quest for more efficient lamps providing pleasing light.


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 8-9 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7 and 10-15 should also be allowed at least based on its dependence from independent claims 1 and 9.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position,

should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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